

Agenda

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Time	Ballroom A (Plenary Sessions)	
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
9:30–9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9:45–10:45 a.m.	Working With Highly Resistant Youth <i>Dr. Clifton Mitchell</i> Working with at-risk youth can pose a challenge and potentially lead to burn-out for most professionals. Dr. Clifton Mitchell will explore options for alleviating the stress of dealing with youth who are resistant to behavioral intervention by using techniques that prevent, avoid and resolve resistance. In this fast paced highly practical session Dr. Mitchell will identify basic, overriding principles for dealing with resistance when managing at risk youth.	
10:45–11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00–12:00 p.m.	Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative <i>Judge Frank Orlando (Retired) and Beth Mohler Stinnett</i> Presenters will give an overview of Virginia's success with the National JDAI Initiative.	
12:00–1:00 p.m.	Luncheon <i>Virginia Spirit of Youth Award Recipient</i> The Virginia Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (ACJJ) selects the recipient of the Spirit of Youth award from the nominations submitted annually to recognize and celebrate a young adult who has made great strides following involvement with the juvenile justice system; has overcome personal obstacles; and is today making significant contributions to society. This year's award recipient will share with us what made a difference in her life.	EF Ballrooms
1:00–1:15 p.m.	Break	
	Breakout Sessions (Break from 2:15–2:30 p.m.)	
1:15–3:30 p.m.	Ballroom B Working With Highly Resistant Youth <i>Dr. Clifton Mitchell</i> Learn strategies to manage today's population of youth who are resistant to behavioral intervention. Dr. Mitchell will build on the plenary session and further address concepts such as the power of language and the most common mistakes made when dealing with at-risk youth. Participants will come away with a broad array of techniques to add to the repertoire and aid in reducing stress that accompanies their most frustrating client.	Ballroom C Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative <i>Barbie Burfoot, Kathleen Jones, Alick Moody, and Kevin Moran</i> Practitioners from four JDAI localities, Hampton, Richmond, Petersburg, and Norfolk, will share strategies which, in the face of diminishing resources, have demonstrated cost savings and can be adopted without new allocations of funding. Participants will learn about building collaborative teams, reviewing detention policies and practices, improving case processing, establishing detention review committees, and using data in decision-making.
3:30 p.m.	Sessions End	
3:45–5:00 p.m.	Grantee Meeting (For current DCJS grantees only. Please check with DCJS staff for the location of this meeting)	



Making a Difference in Juvenile Justice

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9:00–9:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30–9:45 a.m.	Welcome
9:45–10:45 a.m.	Understanding Poverty <i>Officer Darryl Hunter</i> Experience a basic framework for understanding poverty that provides some statistics, a differentiation between generational and situational poverty, hidden rules, registers of language, story structure and cognitive impact. The kids who come in contact with the juvenile justice system often have experienced generational and situational poverty. For these kids there are cultural differences that may cause them to communicate and behave differently than the norm. To successfully reach these individuals, professionals must learn to identify the hidden rules and language of poverty while teaching the “other” set of rules that govern society. Participants will be introduced to Dr. Ruby Payne’s strategies for dealing with situational poverty and how it can effect at-risk youth.
10:45–11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00–12:00 p.m.	Mental Health: It’s About What Happened To Me <i>Sandi Heuisler and Dave Johnson, Moderator: Dr. Daniel Murrie</i> Trauma is a central mental health concern and, especially when untreated, can have severe negative impacts on a person’s well-being. Trauma associated with repeated childhood physical or sexual abuse can become a central defining characteristic to a person’s identity, impacting nearly every aspect of his or her life and, when unaddressed or inappropriately addressed, can result in a number of problems including delinquency and criminal behavior. Systems often fail to account for trauma and perpetuate traumatic experiences. A trauma-informed approach recognizes that many behaviors and responses expressed are directly related to traumatic experiences.
12:00–1:00 p.m.	Luncheon EF Ballrooms <i>White Tigers Step Team</i> The White Tigers Step Team was created by former members of the Positive Alternatives to School Suspension (PASS) Program. The PASS Program, funded through a grant from DCJS, offers parents of short-term suspended youth an alternative to the traditional suspension process, which often elevates the students’ risk level. The program targets middle and high school students, grades 6–12, and serves students from the Counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg. The PASS program’s structure provides students with academic tutoring, community awareness, character education, community resource speakers, and the opportunity to conduct and participate in service learning projects.
1:00–1:15 p.m.	Break

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Friday, June 20, 2008 (Continued)

Time	Breakout Sessions <i>(Break from 2:15–2:30 p.m.)</i>	
1:15–3:30 p.m.	Ballroom B	Ballroom C
	Bridges Out of Poverty <i>Officer Darryl Hunter</i> One of the three main reasons for poverty is family structure. It can impact the behavior and decision-making skills of youth. Working with kids in poverty calls for some understanding of how different poverty can be from middle class norms. As a juvenile justice professional, taking a look into the world of poverty can be an invaluable experience. The breakout session will focus on the family structure often related to poverty, why it occurs and how it affects young people's notions of authority, competition, cooperation, deception, and male identity.	Mental Health Responses in Juvenile Justice <i>Jeanette Duvall, Sandi Heuisler, Dave Johnson, and Dr. James Morris, Moderator: Dr. Daniel Murrie</i> It is no secret that more must be done to address mental health needs within our juvenile justice system. A comprehensive approach requires that mental health <i>and</i> juvenile justice professionals at both the state and local levels participate in the process. This breakout focuses on first steps. First, Sandi Heuisler and Dave Johnson share more of their stories and answer your questions to help participants better understand their perspective and identify what different approaches professionals may need to take when working with juveniles who have suffered traumatic experiences. Following this, representatives from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services share plans for improving mental health services for juveniles and how reforms in the law will impact the ability to access services.
3:30 p.m.	Sessions End	



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